

From Our Pastor

On the Day of Pentecost (Sunday, May 31), we will be celebrating ULC's 35th birthday.

As many of you know, given our setting adjacent to a university campus and our intentionally being composed primarily of university students, University Lutheran Church, in some respects, is a new congregation every year.

After Northwestern's June commencement, a number of persons (undergraduates and graduate students) who have been active in our life and mission for several years during their course of study here leave Evanston and ULC. In summer, most undergrads will either have gone home or off to an internship in another city. Hence, worship attendance recedes, and activities are fewer in number. But then comes the fall: freshmen, transfer students, and new grad students arrive; we meet and welcome newcomers; and with a replenished and reconstituted community, we start again. Some of ULC's programs and projects will have been carried over from the previous year, but there almost always will be new ones, too; and there will be new people, contributing their ideas and gifts, voicing their concerns, pursuing their questions, and helping to make ULC new.

Amid this annual newness, two especially important components provide continuity. The one is that this Lutheran Campus Ministry to Northwestern (now a ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) is a congregation. In the early 1970s, it and several other Lutheran Campus Ministries on residential campuses were approved for reorganization as congregations. No longer were they merely preaching points, where a deployed Lutheran pastor was charged with gathering students for worship, Bible study, and social activities. Now they were congregations that students were invited and challenged to join, congregations in which students and pastor had a mission and a ministry to discern and pursue together, congregations in which most of the lay leaders were students.

My predecessor, Pastor Clyde McCormack, was a strong advocate for the Lutheran Churches' authorizing this change. It will allow students' *being the church*, he said, not merely *playing church*. The authorization came, and on the Day of Pentecost (June 2) in 1974, Mac and his family were among the first twenty persons who became members of University Lutheran Church, effectively bringing this congregation into being.

Every year on Pentecost, we celebrate ULC's birthday and another year of God's grace. The latter is the other especially important component that provides continuity; indeed, it is the most important component. It is by grace that we live and serve. Grace enables ULC's continuing and flourishing through so much change. Grace prompts our being open to new people and to the Spirit, who calls and leads them here. Grace guides our being Christian in an increasingly wider diversity of people of differing backgrounds, cultures, and faiths. Grace facilitates our integrating academic life and Christian faith. Grace prompts and teaches us to use our gifts, not for self alone, but for the common good, the good of all.

This birthday, ULC's 35th, is particularly noteworthy, because ULC now has been a congregation for as long as it first was a Lutheran preaching point at Northwestern. To help us to celebrate this milestone, the bishop of our synod, Bishop Wayne Miller, will be with us on Pentecost to preach and to share in worship, brunch, and conversation.

Predictably (given who we are), none of the first twenty members is our member any longer. But several who still live in the area we've invited to join us for the day, and we've encouraged others to send greetings and a remembrance of ULC thirty-five years ago.

You are invited, as well: come and share in the celebration! Meet our bishop, and hear his vision for the church, of which ULC is a full and integral part. In 1974 and yet today, ULC was and is one important means for bringing the voice, the concerns, the experience, and the gifts of young adults into the heart of the witness, the deliberations, and the work of the church. Praise God for these!

God's peace and blessings to all, as the end of the quarter approaches.

Pastor Kittlaus

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD: Thursday, May 21



Following the chronology found in Luke-Acts, Christians celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord on the fortieth day of Easter. It marks the end of the period of appearances that the risen Jesus made, after his resurrection and prior to his return to the One who had sent him. In Christian worship, it is the last liturgy at which the paschal candle (lighted first at the Easter vigil) burns. Indeed, after the reading of the Gospel, this candle is extinguished, to be lighted

again only when the sacrament of Holy Baptism is celebrated.

On Ascension Day, we encourage your using these appointed readings in your devotions: Acts 1:1-11 and Luke 24:44-53.

PREPARING AND SERVING DINNER AT HILDA'S PLACE: Thursday, May 21, and again on Thursday, June 18



The third Thursday evening of every month is our day to provide dinner for the persons who lack a home who are the Hilda's Place guests. We gather at the Center at 5:45 p.m. and drive to the Lake Street Church, where we prepare dinner and then serve it. As we serve, we have the opportunity for meeting, greeting, and sharing fellowship with Hilda's guests. Then we do our dishes and usually are back on campus at 8 p.m. or shortly thereafter.

Undergrad Jackie Grinvalds is giving leadership to this monthly service, while our Hilda's Place coordinator, Matt Reuter, is in Tennessee, doing some special graduate-level work. Write Jackie (jgrinvalds@gmail.com) if you can help on either of the dates given above. The second of them, please note, will fall during Senior Week. Four or five persons are needed each time we serve.

**FRISBEE AND FOOD BY THE FIRE RING ON THE LAKEFILL:
Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, 3 to 5 p.m.**



On this rare day free of classes, come to the fire ring on the lakefill. We'll be there from 3 until 5 for frisbee, food, and fun. ULC's peer ministers, Alex and Jess, are the planners. Send either of them your ideas or requests: hurd.alex@gmail.com or j-spanier@northwestern.edu

**FIRESIDE ON THE HISTORY OF CHURCH MUSIC
with Prof. Jesse Rosenberg
Thursday, May 28, 7:30 p.m., at the Center**



Jesse Rosenberg is Associate Professor of Musicology in the Bienen School of Music and has a research interest in the convergence of music with theology.

On Thursday evening, May 28, he will be with us to speak about the history of church music. Come to the Center at 7:30 p.m. As always, friends are welcome, too.

**ANNUAL ULC NEW ALUMS DINNER: Friday, May 29,
beginning at the Center at 6:30 p.m.**



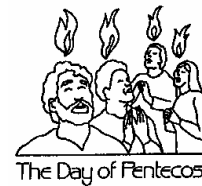
Every May, the members of our Alumni/ae Appeal / Endowment Committee host for dinner ULC students who will be receiving a degree at the June commencement. This year's dinner is scheduled for Friday evening, May 29, and invitations have been sent.

After a brief presentation at the Center, all will go to Thai Sookdee for the meal.

The event is intended to honor soon-to-be graduates for the completion of their degree and to introduce them to the corps of ULC alums who are committed to helping to insure that ULC will be here far into the future, to serve students as they have been served.

Anyone who should have been invited to this dinner but did not receive an invitation is encouraged to write Pastor Kittlaus right away: l-kittlaus@northwestern.edu We want to include you.

**THE DAY OF PENTECOST: Sunday, May 31
the giving of the Spirit and ULC's 35th birthday**



Ten days after the Ascension, Christians celebrate the Day of Pentecost, when (according to Acts 2) the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles in Jerusalem. Many Jewish pilgrims were there for the Feast of Weeks, a festival which (in Greek) was called "Pentecost," because it fell on the fiftieth day after Passover. As Luke tells the story, the Spirit enabled the apostles' relating the Good News of Jesus to all those pilgrims in their own native languages. As a result, that about three thousand persons presented themselves for baptism in Jesus' name. That phenomenon has prompted Christians' observing Pentecost as the birthday of the church.

As noted in "from our pastor" (pp. 1-2), our bishop, the Rev. Wayne N. Miller, bishop of the ELCA's Metropolitan Chicago Synod, will be with us for the celebration of the 35th anniversary of ULC's having received its first members. The liturgy will be the Festival Setting of Holy Communion, with brass. Included will be the order for thanksgiving and rededication that we have come to say every Pentecost. Brunch will be complimentary. Please come, and join in the celebration!

DOODLES HAVE BEEN SENT

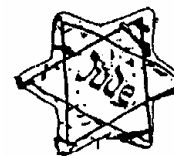


Jess and Alex, ULC's peer ministers, have said that they will send Doodles to identify interest and common times for two events, probably during Reading Week:

- a Study Night at the Center, and
- a Trip to the Museum of Science and Industry to see the Harry Potter exhibit.

If you haven't been polled and would like to be included in either or both events, write either Jess (j-spanier@northwestern.edu) or Alex (hurd.alex@gmail.com).

**INTERFAITH TRIP TO THE NEW HOLOCAUST MUSEUM IN SKOKIE
PROBABLY WON'T HAPPEN THIS SPRING**



The word at this writing is that an interfaith trip to the new Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, which opened in Skokie in April, probably will be postponed until the fall. If you would like to visit the museum sooner, consult its website (www.ilholocaustmuseum.org) for times, ticket information, and special exhibits.

Should there be a change in thinking regarding the postponement, we will circulate the word via ULC's listserv.

22ND ANNUAL SYNOD ASSEMBLY: June 5 to 6



Under the theme, “One Lord. One Faith. One Baptism,” the 22nd Annual Assembly of the ELCA’s Metropolitan Chicago Synod will take place at the Crowne Plaza O’Hare Hotel in Rosemont on Friday and Saturday, June 5 and 6. ULC’s voting members will be Jessica Spanier, Janet Kittlaus, and our pastor.

There will be worship, reports, elections, meetings of the conferences, workshops, hearings and debate on resolutions, and the adoption of the synodical budget. The ELCA representative will be the Rev. Stephen Bouman, executive director of the Evangelical Outreach and Congregational Mission unit. Special guest will be the Right Rev. N. P. Phaswana, bishop of the Central Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa. Worship with Eucharist and Ordination will close the assembly on Saturday afternoon.

Lutheran Campus Ministry has reports in the on-line Book of Reports and, at the assembly, will host a display table and a workshop.

Anyone who would like to learn more about the assembly is encouraged to visit www.mtselca.org. The Book of Reports, including the agenda, is available there.

GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY: Saturday morning, June 6



June 2 will be the first Saturday of June, and thus, some ULC people will gather at the Center at 8 a.m. to go and do a morning’s work at the Greater Chicago Food Depository on Chicago’s Southwest Side.

Please consider planning this morning of service into your schedule for ending the quarter. Hunger never stops, and there will be donated food waiting to be sorted or repacked—readied, in other words, for pick-up by the pantries, shelters, and meal programs that will distribute what has been given.

If you can help on June 6, write either Travis Zupfer (TravisZupfer2009@u.northwestern.edu) or Dave Kosnik (dek@middlefork.net). Afterwards, those who have time will go out for lunch prior to returning to campus.

SUNDAY, JUNE 7: Outdoor Worship + Monthly Food Offering + “Thank You and Godspeed”



A ULC tradition is that Sunday worship on the Sunday just prior to spring quarter finals is held in the Center’s spacious back yard. Thus, that’s where we’ll be for worship on June 7. Because it will be the first Sunday in June, we will bring to the altar our monthly offering of food

for the malnourished and hungry in our immediate area. Further, just before worship’s close, we will say “Thank You and Godspeed” to all who will not be returning to ULC in the fall. Brunch will be served outdoors, as well. All (as always) are welcome!

MONTHLY HABITAT RESTORATION AT SKOKIE LAGOONS: Saturday, June 13, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; gather at the Center at 9:30



Stewardship
of Creation

Those still in town at the end of finals week are invited to join in helping with the cutting of invasive buckthorn trees at Skokie Lagoons in nearby Glencoe.

As always, our advice is: wear grubby clothes, and bring a water bottle. Tools and gloves are furnished. At the mid-day break, water and snacks will be provided.

If you can go, please write the site co-steward, ULC’s Dave Kosnik (dek@middlefork.net), in order that adequate transportation may be arranged.

BACCALAUREATE SERVICES, ULC OPEN HOUSE, AND COMMENCEMENT: Friday, June 19



Two Baccalaureate Services will be held in Alice Millar Chapel at 9:30 and 11 a.m., respectively. These services are opportunities for graduates and their families to gather both to give thanks to God and to listen, as graduates of various faiths share readings from their respective traditions. Pastor Kittlaus will participate in both services.

Then, from 1:30 until 4 p.m., the Lutheran Center will host an open house for those receiving a degree and their families.

Finally, Pastor and Mrs. Kittlaus also plan on being at Commencement at Ryan Field at 6 o’clock.

GARRISON KEILLOR AT RAVINIA: Saturday afternoon, June 20



Garrison Keillor will be broadcasting “A Prairie Home Companion” live from the Ravinia Festival in Highland Park at 4:45 p.m. on Saturday afternoon, June 20.

ULC alums will gather for the broadcast, and they invite current ULC people to join them. Lawn tickets cost \$10 and may be purchased on-line at: www.ravinia.org

On June 20, the park will open at 3 p.m. Tell us that you will be coming along, and when we know, we’ll tell you how to find the ULC group amid the crowds. Write Janet Kittlaus at: jki031@northwestern.edu

STORYBOOK PROJECT TO END ON FATHER'S DAY, JUNE 21



Since Mother's Day, we've had a box in the Center's narthex to receive storybooks that mothers or fathers who are incarcerated in Illinois may read on tape for their children from whom they are separated, often by many miles.

The Storybook Project is an ongoing effort of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois and one in which we have participated for many years.

A list of recommended books is available in the Center's narthex or by writing Janet Kittlaus at: jki031@northwestern.edu The flyer on which the list is printed also presents guidelines that meet standards set by the prison system. We'll be receiving storybooks through Father's Day, i.e., Sunday, June 21.

PLEASE KEEP US UP-TO-DATE ON YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

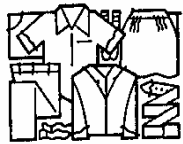
We'd like to have:

1. your summer e-mail address,
2. your summer mailing address (for snail mail),
3. the date of your return to campus in the fall (if you're returning), and
4. the address at which you will be residing in 2009-10.



Please send these data to Janet Kittlaus (jki031@northwestern.edu) in an e-mail message, or complete the Summer Information form included in our Sunday worship bulletins.

BRING YOUR NO LONGER WANTED CLOTHING AND NON-PERISHABLE FOOD TO THE LUTHERAN CENTER



CLOTHING DRIVE

As you pack up your dorm room for the summer or clean your apartment, please know that we will be glad to take both unwanted clothing that is in wearable condition and unopened, non-perishable food to the Howard Area Community Center, where staff will distribute these to needy individuals and families.

Note: Before you bring your contributions to the Center, we suggest your calling (847-864-7849) to make certain that someone will be present to receive them.

Thank you for not throwing usable items away!

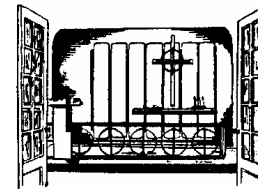
LOCATING A CONGREGATION WHEREVER YOU'RE GOING



Are you studying or working in a place other than your hometown this summer, studying abroad in 2009-10, or receiving a degree and moving to a new locale? If any of these descriptions fits you, please be aware that we always are glad to assist people in locating a Lutheran congregation in the city to which they are going.

If you're wanting to identify an ELCA congregation, a ready resource is the "Find a Congregation" link on the ELCA's website: www.elca.org After selecting this link (upper right on the main page), one may locate a church either by city and state or by zip code.

SUNDAY WORSHIP WILL CONTINUE AT ULC ACROSS THE SUMMER



Because ULC is a congregation of the church, Sunday morning worship will continue to be offered all summer long. Thus, if you're staying in Evanston for the summer months or coming back over a weekend, please plan on joining us.

At the discretion of the church council, worship's starting time may change, most likely to an earlier hour to avoid the heat. Deciding the time will be on the agenda at the next council meeting on Sunday, May 24, at 12:30 p.m. If you have input, write ULC's president, Zach Sersland (z-sersland@northwestern.edu). Should a change is decided upon, it will not take effect until June 28.

To be certain of the worship time on any given Sunday, you may call 847-864-7849 or consult our on-line calendar (www.northwestern.edu/lutheran/twalc.html).

HELPING TO TELL CAMPUS MINISTRY'S STORY



Much too often, Lutheran Campus Ministry is a well-kept secret in the church. Thus, if you're returning home for the summer, please seek and seize opportunities for telling your family and your home congregation about your experience of LCM through ULC.

You might offer to present a temple talk at worship or to speak to an adult forum or to the church council. Tell people what ULC offers and, especially, what difference ULC's being here has made in your life at NU.

Consider speaking about campus ministry to your home congregation's youth, too. Your doing so can help to prepare them for connecting with campus ministry when they get to college. It might even prompt their making the presence of Lutheran Campus Ministry a priority in their choice of a school.